

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2108 - SB 2154

February 21, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that all textbooks and instructional materials be aligned to Tennessee's academic standards by certain dates. Prohibits the State Board of Education (SBE) from granting waivers for textbooks and instructional materials that do not align with Tennessee's academic standards beginning certain dates.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on the current SBE academic standards review cycle, new academic standards will be required to be implemented as follows:
 - 2023-24 school year for math;
 - 2024-25 school year for science; and
 - 2025-26 for social studies.
- The proposed legislation will require LEAs to purchase materials aligned to the state standards and moves up the planned date for the required academic standards implementation in schools by six months; all textbooks and instructional materials must be aligned to Tennessee's academic standards no later than:
 - January, 1, 2023, for math;
 - January, 1, 2024, for science; and
 - January, 1, 2025, for social studies.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 49-1-311 requires SBE to review the standards for English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies at least once every six years from the last adoption. SBE may extend the six-year period required for the standards review one time for a period not to exceed three years.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-2207 local education agencies (LEA) are required to adopt materials from a list of approved materials for a period of no less than three years, but not exceeding the period agreed to in the state contract approved by the commission.
- It is assumed that LEAs already fully budget and plan for adjustments to current contracts or uptake of new contracts for the purchase of textbooks in accordance with the regularly scheduled six-year adoption cycle.
- It is anticipated that changes to adoption cycle will not affect the timing of textbook purchases for LEAs. The planned purchases will occur within the same fiscal year as previously budgeted for; any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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